

## **Gonzalez Applauds \$130 million In HHS Grants**

### **to Strengthen Health Professions Workforce**

San Antonio, TX – Today, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced \$130.8 million in grants, including over \$4 million for the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and almost \$10 million in Texas Health Professionals Grants, to strengthen and expand the health professions workforce. The grants include \$88.7 million in funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

“We are providing today’s health professionals with the resources and equipment as well as tomorrow’s workforce with the opportunities and training in order to improve the quality of health care in San Antonio,” said Congressman Gonzalez. “These investments will help improve the overall health of our communities while ensuring our medical workforce is well prepared for the job.”

The grants target six areas: primary care workforce training, oral health workforce training, equipment to enhance training across the health professions, loan repayments for health professionals, health careers opportunity programs for disadvantaged students, and Patient Navigator outreach and chronic disease prevention in health disparity populations.

### **Awards to San Antonio-based programs include:**

- ARRA - Equipment
  - University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio San Antonio: \$290,570.00
  - University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio San Antonio: \$300,000.00
  - University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio San Antonio: \$299,500.00
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- ARRA: Postdoctoral Training in General, Pediatric and Public Health Dentistry and Dental

Hygiene

- University of Texas Health Sciences Center at San Antonio San Antonio: \$2,849,971.00

- Grants to States to Support Oral Health Workforce Activities

- University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio San Antonio: \$515,338.00

- Predoctoral Training in General, Pediatric, and Public Health Dentistry and Dental

Hygiene

- University of Texas Health Sciences Center San Antonio: \$316,956.00

- Texas Health Professional Grants: \$9.8 Million

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